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# Town Officers

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## *Town Clerk*

JOSEPH F. MERRITT

## *Treasurer*

HERBERT E. ROBBINS

## *Tax Collector*

WILLIAM H. SPENCER

## *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor*

EZRA E. STETSON

FRANK W. JONES

EDWARD M. SEXTON

## *School Committee*

BENJAMIN LORING MRS. AMY W. SYLVESTER

CARRIE M. FORD

## *Board of Health*

JOHN F. WILDER

MINOT WILLIAMSON

J. LYMAN WADSWORTH

## *Constables*

WALTER T. OSBORNE

L. F. HAMMOND

J. WARREN FOSTER

JOHN F. WILDER

JESSIE M. WINSLOW

## *Sealer of Weights and Measures*

ALVAN G. SPENCER

## *Tree Warden*

JOHN H. SPARRELL

## *Surveyor of Highway*

L. F. HAMMOND

## *Field Drivers*

THE CONSTABLES

## *Cemetery Committee*

FRANK W. JONES

ARTHUR T. STODDARD

W. WALLACE FARRAR

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN .

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*Forest Fire Warden*

JOHN WHALEN

*Inspector of Animals*

J. WARREN FOSTER

*Inspectors of Slaughtered Animals*

AMOS H. TILDEN

J. ALDEN DAMON

ALPHEUS DAMON

*Warden of Almshouse*

JOHN F. WILDER

*Registrars of Voters*

JOSEPH F. MERRITT

ARTHUR T. STODDARD

HENRY J. TOLMAN

WILLIAM E. SEXTON

*Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark*

BERT RICHARDSON

JOHN WHALEN

W. D. TURNER

ARTHUR T. STODDARD

BENJAMIN LORING

F. E. HENDERSON

J. FRANK TURNER

*Gypsy Moth Agent*

JOHN H. SPARRELL

*Keeper of Lockup*

JOHN F. WILDER

*Town Weigher*

JOHN F. WILDER

# Report of the Town Clerk

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## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1915.

Pursuant to a warrant, duly executed, the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell, qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the Town Hall, Monday, March 1, 1915, and took the following action on the articles contained therein:

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Chose John Whalen moderator by ballot. He was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. To bring their votes for a Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Surveyor of Highways, five Constables, and a Tree Warden for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, one member of the Board of Health for two years, (to fill vacancy), and to vote yes or no in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Polls open from 7 A. M. to 11 A. M.

The polls were opened at 7 A. M. and closed at 11 A. M. 247 names were checked on the voting list and 247 ballots were cast. On being canvassed and counted in open meeting the result was declared by the moderator as follows:

Town Clerk, (for one year)

Joseph F. Merritt	216
Blanks	31

Selectman, (for three years)

Edward M. Sexton	148
William D. Turner	95
Blanks	4

Assessor, (for three years)

Edward M. Sexton	149
William D. Turner	91
Blanks	7

Overseer of the Poor, (for three years)

Edward M. Sexton	146
William D. Turner	89
Blanks	12

Town Treasurer, (for one year)

Elliott W. Crowell	73
Herbert E. Robbins	160
Blanks	14

Auditor, (for one year)

Harry T. Fogg	214
Blanks	33



## Collector of Taxes, (for one year)

William H. Spencer	208
Blanks	39

## School Committee, (for three years)

Amy Winifred Sylvester	201
Blanks	46

## Board of Health, (for three years)

Minot Williamson	210
Blanks	37

## Board of Health, (for two years)

Claude G. Ainslie	61
John F. Wilder	150
Blanks	36

## Highway Surveyor, (for one year)

L. Frank Hammond	117
Arthur J. Mitchell	66
Harry G. Pinson	57
Blanks	7

## Constables, (for one year)

J. Warren Foster	200
L. Frank Hammond	193
Walter T. Osborn	195
John F. Wilder	196
Jesse M. Winslow	195
Blanks	256

## Tree Warden, (for one year)

John H. Sparrell	177
Blanks	70

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Yes	99
No	113
Blanks	35

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Town Clerk, Joseph F. Merritt.

Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, Edward M. Sexton.

Treasurer, Herbert E. Robbins.

Auditor, Harry T. Fogg.

Collector of Taxes, William H. Spencer.

School Committee, Amy W. Sylvester.

Board of Health, for three years, Minot Williamson.

Board of Health, for two years, John F. Wilder.

Highway Surveyor, L. Frank Hammond.

Constables, J. Warren Foster, L. Frank Hammond, Walter T. Osborn, John F. Wilder, Jesse M. Winslow

Tree Warden, John H. Sparrell.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Voted, that the reports of the town officers as printed be accepted.

Article 4. To make the necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient.

Voted, to appropriate the following amounts:

Poor	\$1,500 00
Almshouse	1,300 00
Schools	7,000 00
Highways	3,000 00
State Aid	2,000 00
Soldiers' Relief	250 00
Town Officers	1,700 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Mowing Bushes	100 00
Board of Health	500 00
School Physician	25 00
Town Hall	50 00
Abatement of Taxes	200 00
Interest	1,000 00
Fires ~	300 00
State and County Taxes	4,500 00
Incidentals	800 00
Overlays	500 00

Other amounts appropriated under different articles:

Removing Snow (the excise tax)	
Post 112, G. A. R, Memorial Day	\$150 00
Washington Street Cemetery	75 00
Parks, Squares and Triangles	100 00
James Library	100 00
Gypsy Moth	470 65
Superintendent of Schools	250 00

Spraying Elms	200 00
Electric Lights	350 00
Special Highway Construction	10,000 00
Marking Soldiers and Sailor's Graves	200 00
Widening Corner Elm and River streets	250 00

Voted, to raise by taxation a sum not exceeding \$26,500 to be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and on the estates of non-residents.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Voted, that the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning Jan. 1, 1915, and to issue a note of notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts, incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 6. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, to pay twenty-five cents per hour for removing snow, and that the excise tax be appropriated for this purpose.

Article 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected for the ensuing year.

Voted, that the collector shall issue summons after January 1, 1916.

Article 8. To make allowance to town creditors.  
No bills were presented.

Article 9. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.  
Voted, to appropriate \$150 for that purpose.

Article 10. Will the town cause a statement of its financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Voted, that a report of the financial affairs of the town, including reports of the various officers and committees; also a list of jurors be printed and in the hands of the voters by February 10, 1916.

Article 11. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

Voted, to appropriate \$75.

Article 12. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year.

Voted, to pay 25 cents per hour for men, \$5 per day for man and two horses, and \$3.50 per day for man and one horse.

Article 13. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair.

Voted, to leave this matter with the highway surveyor.

Article 14. Will the town give any instruction to town officers.

Voted, that the widening of corner of junction of River and Elm streets, for which an appropriation was made under article 37, be under the direction of the selectmen;

that they be instructed to put it out at contract, and that it be completed before May 15, 1915.

Voted, that the selectmen be authorized to lease the town flats if they see fit.

Voted, that the money appropriated for parks, squares and triangles and mowing bushes be expended under the direction of the tree warden.

Voted, that the tree warden be instructed to fill all vacant spaces on Sand Hill at Norwell Center with pines.

Article 15. What price will the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year.

Voted, to pay 50 cents per hour for work at fires.

Article 16. Will the town take any action in regard to the care of parks, squares and triangles and make any appropriation for the same.

Vote, to appropriate \$100 for this purpose.

Article 17. Will the town make an appropriation for the James Library in return for the free privilege of taking books which the townspeople now have.

Voted, to appropriate \$100 for James Library.

Article 18. Will the town act in conjunction with the town of Hanover to have an electric light at the terminus of River street, Norwell and Broadway, Hanover, at the Third Herring Brook.

Voted, that the town bear one-half expense of maintaining a light at this location.

Article 19. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$470.65 for the suppression of gypsy and browntail moths.

Vote, to appropriate the above amount.

Article 20. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the superintendent of schools.

Voted, to appropriate \$250 to pay the superintendent of schools.

Article 21. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for the purpose of fighting fires.

The above amount was appropriated under Article 4.

Article 22. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the spraying of the elm trees along the highways.

Voter, to appropriate \$200.

Article 23. What sum of money will the town appropriate for electric lights.

Voted, to appropriate \$350.

Article 24. Will the town vote to make the moth tax general.

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 25. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission in the construction of a mile of road on Main street, running east from the Hanover line.

Action taken under Article 28.

Article 26. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission in the construction of a mile of road on Main street, running west from the residence of Harrison Wilder.

Action taken under Article 28.



Article 27. Will the town raise and appropriate \$1,000 to repair Summer street.

Action taken under Article 28.

Article 28. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be expended upon the construction of about one mile of road on Summer street, about one mile of road on High street and not more than two miles of road on Main street, provided that at least \$2,500 be contributed by the Massachusetts Highway Commission and by the County of Plymouth or by either of them, and provided that the construction of said highways be done by contract, and under such supervision as may be determined at this meeting and further authorize its treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$10,000 and issue therefor the notes or bonds of the town bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4½ per cent., payable semi-annually and principal payable in five equal annual payments of \$2,000 each for the purpose above set forth.

It was voted to take up and consider articles No. 25, 26, 27, 28 and 31, together. After discussion it was voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be expended upon the construction of about one mile of road on Summer street, about one mile of road on High street and sections of Main street between the residence of Harrison Wilder and the Hanover line at Jacobs pond, provided that at least \$2,500 be contributed by the Massachusetts Highway Commission or by the County of Plymouth or by either of them, and that said work be done by contract and under the supervision of a committee of seven, to be appointed by the moderator, two from each ward or section of the town and one at large, which committee shall serve without pay.



The moderator appointed Horace T. Fogg, Clifton S. Deane, Henry D. Smith, Asa W. Robinson, John H. Prouty, Ernest H. Sparrell and Arthur L. Power on this committee.

And it was further voted, by a majority vote, 108 in favor, 10 against, that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$10,000 and issue therefor notes or bonds of the town bearing interest at a rate not exceeding  $4\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., payable semi-annually and the principal payable in equal annual payments of \$2,000 each for the purpose above set forth.

Article 29. Will the town cause a railing to be placed on the south side of Meeting House Hill, so called, on River street.

Voted, that Lothrop E. Fessenden be a committee to attend to constructing a railing at said location, and that the selectmen draw an order on either the almshouse or incidental appropriations to pay for the same.

Article 30. Will the town accept the hay scales belonging to Harry T. Fogg, now situated at the store of Calvin S. West & Son, and agree to remove and maintain the same.

Voted, that the town accept the scales and that the selectmen be a committee to attend to removing them and locating them somewhere near almshouse.

Article 31. Will the town raise and appropriate \$1,000 for repairs and improvements on High street.

Action taken under Article 28.

Article 32. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to repair the road and railing on Pond street.

Vote, to pass over this article.

Article 33. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair River street from Common avenue to the Hanover town line.

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 34.. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, at their discretions, to make a contract with the Norwell Water Company, or any other water company for fire protection in the town.

Voted, that a competent committee be appointed by the moderator to look into the matter of water supply and report at a meeting to be held before June 1, 1915. Committee—Arthur L. Power, Henry J. Tolman, William H. Spencer, John H. Prouty, Arthur T. Stoddard.

Article 35. Will the town accept one hundred and fifty dollars in trust from Mrs. Edna E. Brownell for the care of the N. P. Brownell lot in Norwell Center cemetery.

Voted, that the town accept the above amount for the purpose mentioned, and that the selectmen be authorized to receive and invest the same as trustees.

Article 36. Will the town accept two hundred dollars from the estate of Mrs. Abbie F. Bates for the care of her lot in Washington street cemetery at Norwell, income from said gift to be used for care of said lot.

Voted, that the town accept the above amount for the purpose mentioned, and that the selectmen be authorized to receive and invest the same as trustees.

Article 37. Will the town cause the corner at the junction of River and Elm streets to be widened, continuing the southwesterly line of Church street, as established by the County Commissioners, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, to appropriate \$250 for widening the above mentioned corner.

Article 38. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$250 for the marking of graves of Soldiers and Sailors of the late Civil war buried in cemeteries at Church Hill, Norwell, Assinippi and Washington street or act upon anything relative thereto.

Voted that \$200 be appropriated to mark the graves of Soldiers and Sailors of the Civil war, buried at Church Hill, Norwell and Washington street cemeteries. The appropriation to be spent under the direction of Fred H. Curtis Camp, Sons of Veterans.

Article 39. Or act or do anything relative to the same.

Voted, that the selectmen act as fence viewers.

Voted that the constables act as field drivers.

Voted, that the Cemetery committee be W. W. Farrar, Frank W. Jones and Arthur T. Stoddard.

Voted the following salaries:

Town Treasurer, \$150.

Tax Collector, \$225.

Auditor, \$50.

Secretary of school committee, \$50.

Others members of the committee, \$25 each.

Moderator, \$10.

The fish rights were purchased by Edward W Dixon, he being the highest bidder, \$3.00 and \$2.50.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest :

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING,  
August 13, 1915.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Chose John Whalen, moderator by ballot. He was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be expended for the construction of the road on Main street.

Voted, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of (\$2,500) twenty-five hundred dollars to be used in connection with the construction of that part of Main street from the residence of Harrison Wilder to the Hanover town line, as provided in the vote passed at the annual meeting, March 1, 1915.

Article 3. To hear the report of the special committee appointed at the annual March meeting to investigate the question of a water supply.

An oral report was made to the meeting and it was voted that it be accepted and the committee be given further time.

To act or do anything relative to the same.

Article 4. It was voted that the selectmen be authorized and instructed to make the necessary contract with the State Highway Commission for the construction of that part of Main street from the residence of Harrison Wilder to the Hanover town line.



Voted, that meeting be dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Town Clerk.

## STATE ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 1915

Pursuant to a warrant duly executed, the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell qualified to vote in elections, met at the Town Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1915, at 6 A. M.. Ezra E. Stetson, chairman of the board of selectmen, was the presiding election officer. The other election officers were Frank W. Jones, Edward M. Sexton, Carlton O. Litchfield, Charles Scully, John Whalen, Amos H. Tilden, and Edwin A. Turner.

The polls were opened at 6 A. M. and by vote of the meeting were not closed until 1.20 P. M. 294 ballots were cast. On being canvassed and counted in open meeting the result was found to be as follows:

### GOVERNOR

Nelson B. Clark, Progressive Party	7
Walter S. Hutchins, Socialist	2

Samuel W. McCall, Republican	204
Peter O'Rourke, Socialist Labor	0
William Shaw, Prohibition	6
David I. Walsh, Democratic	71
Blanks	4

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Edward P. Barry, Democratic	58
Calvin Coolidge, Republican	210
Alfred H. Evans, Prohibition	8
James Hayes, Socialist Labor	1
Chester R. Lawrence, Progressive Party-Citizens Nom. Paper	6
Samuel P. Levenberg, Socialist	2
Blanks	9

### SECRETARY

Edwin A. Grosvenor, Democratic	52
Albert P. Langtry, Republican	210
Thomas J. Maher, Socialist Labor	0
Marion E. Sproule, Socialist	2
Willard O. Wylie, Prohibition	9
Blanks	21

### TREASURER

Henry L. Bowles, Democratic	51
Charles L. Burrill, Republican	206
Charles E. Fenner, Socialist	3
William E. Marks, Prohibition	8
Jeremiah P. McNally, Socialist Labor	0
Blanks	26

## AUDITOR

Alonzo B. Cook, Republican	202
James W. Holden, Socialist Labor	0
Henry C. Iram, Socialist	3
Jacob C. Morse, Democratic	51
William G. Rogers, Prohibition	8
Blanks	30

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Henry C. Attwill, Republican	207
Frank Auchter, Prohibition	8
Joseph Joyce Donahue, Democratic	49
John McCarthy, Socialist	2
William Taylor, Socialist Labor	0
Blanks	28

## COUNCILLOR—First District

Abraham Bloom, Socialist	11
David L. Parker, Republican	217
Blanks	66

## SENATOR—First Plymouth District

Charles S. Beal, Republican	210
George E. Mansfield, Democratic	60
Blanks	24

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—Second  
Plymouth District

Edmund Baker, Republican	230
Blanks	64



## COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Plymouth County

Frederic T. Bailey, Republican	221
Daniel E. Damon, Progressive Party	14
Harold F. Studley, Democratic	39
Elmer A Wright, Socialist	3
Blanks	17

## COUNTY TREASURER—Plymouth County

Horace T. Fogg, Republican	250
Henry W. Patterson, Socialist	13
Blanks	31

## SHERIFF—Plymouth County

Albert E. Collier, Socialist	9
Henry S. Porter, Republican	229
Blanks	56

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens be approved and ratified?

Yes	120
No	56

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified?

Yes	77
No	174



## ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT

Article three of the articles of amendment to the constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the word "male".

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions, be approved and ratified?

Yes	141
No	46

## ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT

Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the General Court to impose and levy a tax on income in the manner hereinafter provided. Such tax may be at different rates of income derived from different classes of property, but shall be levied at a uniform rate throughout the Commonwealth upon incomes derived from the same class of property. The General Court may tax incomes not derived from property at a lower rate than income derived from property, and may grant reasonable exemptions and abatements. Any class of property the income from which is taxed under the provisions of this article may be exempted from the imposition and levying of proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes as at present authorized by the constitution. This article shall not be construed to limit the power of the General Court to impose and levy reasonable duties and excises.

Meeting dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERKS' CONVENTION

At a meeting of the qualified voters of Representative District Number two in the County of Plymouth, held on Tuesday, the second day of November, for the choice of a representative to the General Court, Edmund Baker of Marshfield was elected to said office. Dated at Marshfield, November 12, 1915.

HERBERT I. MACOMBER,  
Town Clerk of Marshfield.  
JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk of Norwell.  
WILLIAM A. KEY,  
Town Clerk of Pembroke.  
GEORGE H. STEARNS,  
Town Clerk of Duxbury.  
JETSON WADE,  
Town Clerk of Scituate.

The vote was:

	Total	Baker	Scattering	Bl'ks
Norwell	294	230		64
Duxbury	337	275		62
Pembroke	180	149		31
Marshfield	286	246	1	39
Scituate	526	354	1	171
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	1623	1254	2	367

Whole number of ballots, 1,623.

Edmund Baker, 1,254.

Scattering, 2.

Blanks, 367.

## REGISTERED VOTERS

At the close of Registration, October 23, 1915, there were 496 assessed polls, 392 male voters and 3 women registered to vote for school committee.

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## ENROLLED MILITIA

There were 207 men enrolled for military duty April 1, 1915.

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## HUNTERS' LICENSES

There were 70 resident Hunters' Licenses issued during the year ending December 31, 1915.

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## DOGS LICENSED

For the year ending December 1, 1915.

Whole number licensed, 132.

123 males at \$2.00	\$246 00
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9 females at \$5.00	45 00
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	\$291 00
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Less clerks' fees, 132 licenses at 20c	26 40
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Amount turned over to County Treasurer	\$264 60
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MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING  
THE YEAR 1915

- April 28. Married in Scituate, Edward Lewis Howe and Ruth Linwood Delano, both of Norwell, by Rev. George Loring Thurlow.
- May 1. Married in Rockland, Walter Scott Osborn of Norwell and Lucy May Brown of Rockland, by E. R. Studley, Justice of the Peace.
- May 12. Married in Norwell, Carl Leonard Morehardt of Hanover, and Hazel May Josselyn of Scituate, by Rev. Joseph Dinzey.
- May 18. Married in Rockland, George A. Kiernan of Norwell, and Jennie G. Damon of Rockland, by Rev. J. P. Ryan.
- May 23. Married in New Bedford, Charles Henry Curtis of Norwell and Nancy Davis of New Bedford, by Rev. Charles S. Dixon.
- May 15. Married in Waltham, Walter Frank Oakman of Marshfield, and Edna Joseph of Norwell, by Rev. Frank H. Page.
- June 5. Married in Hanover, Clement Gatreau and Rosetta May Keene, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- July 7. Married in Hanover, Kanjero Kawono and Mabel Edria Gray, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- October 6. Married in Hanover, Theodore Melvin Dyer and Gertrude Winifred Leslie, both of Norwell, by Rev. Edwin H. Gibson.
- October 24. Married in Marshfield, Arthur Linwood Randall and Nellie Frances Baker, both of Norwell, by Rev. Charles H. Peck.

November 18. Married in Norwell, Robert Stewart and Ella M. Godsoe, both of Hanover, by Rev. Joseph Dinzey.

November 24. Married in Rockland, Harry Francis Leavitt of Norwell, and Caroline Winnifred Harvey of Rockland, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.

December 11. Married in Norwell, George A. Bates and Frances A. White, both of Norwell, by Rev. James Nobbs.

December 11. Married in Norwell, George Elliott White and Martha J. Torrey, both of Norwell, by Rev. James Nobbs.

December 22. Married in Hanover, Thomas Edward Sheehan of Hingham and Julia Terese O'Brien of Norwell, by Rev. Daniel S. Sheerin.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1915

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DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
January 1	Louise Stoddard	George H. and Emily L.	Wagner
January 8	Frederickson	Fred and Gertrude	Helstrom
January 23	Edna Dorothy Litchfield	Percy W. and Lucinda	Litchfield
March 19	Elmer Lancaster Snowdale	George L. and Jennie G.	Gardner
March 23	Lillian Evelyn Henderson	Ernest L. and Jennie F.	Chapman
April 22	Barbara Lucile Osborne	Everett W. and Mary	Burgoyne
June 12	Osborne Olson	Samuel and Isabelle	Osborn
June 29	Kenneth Brooks Allen	Alfred H. and Gertrude	Brooks
July 26	Illegitimate		
August 12	Tileston Curtis Power	Howard S. and Elsie V.	Curtis
November 16	Illegitimate		
April 17	Verna Lazell Ainslie	Henry W. and Mary	Alneida
April 28	Margaret Stewart Campbell	Thomas and Anna	Tasker
April 28	Anna Robbie Campbell	Thomas and Anna	Tasker
May 22	George Wilson Osborne	John F. and Emily	Delano
June 18	Florence Alva Crocker	Clifton S. and Annie	Hines
July 2	William Southard Briggs	Walter S. and Charlotte	Osborne
July 19	Fred David Kierstead	Fred H. and Sarah Anne	Pease
August 26	Wilder Ayling Gaudette	Horace D. and Lillian	Wilder
December 29	Ellen Lincoln Merritt	Edwin L. and Noa	Damon
1914			
September 24	Walter Edwin Loring	John Lawson and Lettie May	Sherwood

Blanks for returning births will be furnished by the Town Clerk.



# DEATHS RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1915

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DATE	NAME	AGE Y. M. D.	CAUSE OF DEATH	BIRTHPLACE	PLACE OF DEATH
Jan. 22.....	Gertrude Frederickson Helstrom	21 11 7	Septicaemia, endocarditis, pneumonia	Sweden	Boston
Jan. 9.....	Frederickson	.. .. 1	Hoemorrhagic disease of the new born	Norwell	Norwell
Feb. 28.....	Lydia P. Hayden (Appleton)	80 .. 17	Chronic nephritis, gall stones	Boston	Norwell
March 21....	George F. Brooks	85 .. ..	Chronic myocarditis	Norwell	Boston
March 29....	Rhoda V. Lee (Winslow)	72 3 6	Locomotor Ataxia	Seituate	Norwell
April 18.....	George W. Gerrish	73 6 13	Pneumonia, organic heart disease	S. Seituate	Hanover
May 28.....	Mary Ann Gardner	68 10 5	Chronic endocarditis, chronic bronchitis	S. Seituate	Norwell
May 26.....	John S. Litchfield	43 .. ..	Fractured skull, accident	Massachusetts	Boston
June 11.....	Levi N. Osborne	66 4 15	Cancer of face	Massachusetts	Norwell
June 29.....	Kenneth Brooks Allen	4 hs.	Premature	Norwell	Norwell
July 11.....	Guy Collins	29 8 8	Acute pulmonary tuberculosis	Massachusetts	Norwell
July 26.....	Calvin H. Talbot	65 2 14	Myocarditis	Massachusetts	Norwell
Oct. 12 ....	Clark Smith	15 4 21	Peritonitis, intestinal obstruction	Brighton	Norwell
Oct. 23.....	Esther C. Jones	63 9 19	Tetanus, punctural wound	Massachusetts	Norwell
Nov. 11.....	Gardner S. Prescott	57 6 5	Diabetes mellitus, gangrene of feet	Quincy	Norwell
Nov. 17 ....	Fannie Ide Whiting	63 10 6	Mitral valvular disease of heart	Massachusetts	Norwell
Nov. 17.....	Stillborn	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Dec. 8.....	Alison Breingan (Reid)	67 .. ..	Suicide by drowning	Scotland	Norwell
Dec. 22.....	Lena S. Vining (Leavitt)	51 3 10	Intestinal carcinoma	Massachusetts	Norwell

# BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL IN 1915

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 13. ....	David Henry Stoddard .....	65	8	21	Brain disease, arterio sclerosis .	Hanover
Feb. 19. ....	Luther J. Ewell .....	78	4	7	Valvular disease of heart .....	Marshfield
April 20. ....	Eliza Stetson Josselyn .....	77	10	10	Arterio sclerosis .....	Raynham

Number of births, 21.

Number of marriages, 15.

Number of deaths, 19.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Town Clerk.



# Report of the Town Treasurer.

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For the year ending December 31, 1915.

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## RECEIPTS

To cash on hand January 1, 1915.

General funds	\$6,580 14
High School fund	132 63
Sawyer lot income	8 02

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\$6,720 79

From William H. Spencer, Collector of Taxes

Assessment of 1913, including interest and abatements	\$101 33
Assessments of 1914, including interest and abatements	6,505 82
Assessment of 1915, including interest and abatements	19,154 62

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\$25,761 77

Bay State Street Railway, Excise Tax	\$373 82
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## Loans and interest:

Loans in anticipation of revenue, 1915

South Scituate Savings Bank

No. 24 \$5,000 00

South Scituate Savings Bank,

No. 25 2,500 00

Rockland Trust Company, No.

22 5,000 00

Rockland Trust Company, No.

23 5,000 00

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\$17,500 00

Interest on deposit at Rockland

Trust Company \$115 28

Bond issue, highway special \$10,000 00

Premium and interest on bonds 78 22

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\$27,693 50

## For school purposes only:

County treasurer, dog tax \$241 71

Income of Mass. school fund 1,178 82

High school fund 500 00

Tuition of state children 404 00

Superintendent of schools 416 66

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\$2,741 19

## From State Treasurer:

Moth refund, due from last year \$404 90

Moth refund, current year 300 00

Income from Sawyer lot fund 8 00

Public Service Corporation Tax	4 51
Public Service Corporation Tax	697 61
Inspector of Animals	14 75
National Bank Tax	1,264 18
Street Railway Tax	406 11
State Aid Refunded	1,817 00
Burial of Soldiers	50 00
Highway Construction, special (ad- vancement on account)	1,275 00

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\$6,242 06

#### Aid Refunded—From

Town of Cohasset	\$63 95
Town of Scituate	209 45
Town of Hanover	125 00
Town of Hull	42 00
Town of Canton	123 71

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\$564 11

#### Licenses :

Charles L. Gleason, peddler's license	\$6 00
Eugene B. Tobey, peddler's license	6 00
Herbert G. Simmons, slaughtering license	1 00
Wallace H. Damon, slaughtering license	1 00
Corthell Brothers, slaughtering license	1 00
Walter J. Wagner, slaughtering license	1 00

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\$16 00

## From Miscellaneous Sources:

H. W. Cushing and estate of Nathan Cushing, due from last year, moth refund	\$763 34
H. W. Cushing, moth refund	106 30
Estate of Nathan Cushing, moth refund	396 31
Florence M. Cushing, moth refund	49 59
Superintendent of Almshouse	71 20
Board of Mrs. Smith at almshouse	15 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10 17
Mrs. John F. Wilder, telephone	6 35
C. W. Ferguson, burying horse, refunded	5 00
Edward W. Dixon, fish rights	5 50
Sale of Charles S. Andrews' land by the tax collector	5 11
Tax Collector, one-half cost of advertising land sale, refunded	50
John F. Wilder, overpayment of bill refunded	3 00

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\$1,437 37

## Sale of Lots in Washington Street Cemetery:

Emma G. Stoddard, No. 14, Sec. A.	\$12 00
John H. Prouty, No. 23, Sec. A.	12 00
Andrew Breingan, No. 41, Sec. A.	12 00

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\$36 00

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\$71,586 61

## EXPENDITURES

## Highways:

General Pay Roll	\$3,251 17	
Special		
Elm street	273 15	
Summer street	2,520 83	
High street	2,413 13	
Main street	5,848 73	
Snow	215 20	
	<hr/>	\$14,522 21

## Support of Poor:

Almshouse	\$1,604 13	
Outside Poor, Norwell	\$1,607 86	
Outside Poor, other Towns	42 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,253 99

State Aid	\$2,006 00	
Soldiers' Relief	357 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,363 25

Schools	\$9,483 36	
High School Fund	399 17	
	<hr/>	\$9,882 53

Town Officers	\$1,694 70	
Police Officers, order of Second Dis-		
trict Court	60 07	
	<hr/>	\$1,754 77

Gipsy Moth	\$1,461 20	
Incidentals	817 24	
	<hr/>	\$2,278 44

## Taxes:

State Tax	\$2,925 00	
County Tax	\$1,681 59	
	<hr/>	\$4,606 59

## Sundry Accounts:

Abatement of taxes	\$180 16	
Board of health	419 82	
Electric lights	253 63	
Tree warden	41 25	
Spraying elms	85 45	
James Library	100 00	
Town Hall	55 00	
Post 112, G. A. R.	150 00	
Cemetery	61 25	
Fire account	532 61	
Parks, squares and triangles	103 25	
Mowing bushes	98 25	
Sawyer lot	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,083 67

## Loans and Interest Paid:

South Scituate Savings Bank, No.	
15	\$6,000 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, No.	
16	5,000 00

Rockland Trust Company, No. 17	1,500 00
Rockland Trust Company, No. 22	5,000 00
Rockland Trust Company, No. 23	5,000 00
Trustees Otis and Coffin Funds,	
No. 18	900 00
Interest on Note No. 15	127 50
Interest on Note No. 16	133 34
Interest on Note No. 17	37 50
Interest on Note No. 22	114 00
Interest on Note No. 23	130 50
Interest on Note No. 24	106 25
Interest on Note No. 18	36 00
Interest on Notes No. 19, 20, 21,	
favor Trustees Otis and Coffin	
Funds	96 00
Bureau of Statistics, certifying	
notes	8 00

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\$24,189 09

Cash on hand to balance:

General funds, (including high-	
way special)	\$6,405 59
High School fund	233 46
Sawyer lot income	13 02

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\$6,652 07

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\$71,586 61

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Treasurer to March 1.

HERBERT E. ROBBINS,

Treasurer of Norwell.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor

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## ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT—Dr.

John F. Wilder, superintendent	\$300 00
John F. Wilder, materials for repairs	15 00
M. E. Curtis Co., supplies	247 43
C. S. West & Son, supplies	255 72
H. S. Turner, supplies	96 42
W. W. Cutler, meat	104 99
Corthell Bros., meat	110 53
George F. Welch Co., coal	190 70
George F. Welch Co., materials	19 67
John Monahan, supplies	30 07
W. D. Turner, wood	34 00
J. Frank Turner, labor	13 75
William H. Spencer, labor	4 57
Billings Dental Co.	1 50
F. T. Bailey, labor	3 00
H. F. Cleverly, M. D., medical attendance	7 50
H. T. Handy, medical attendance	4 50
Electric Light Co., lights	29 20
Tower Hill Farm, hay and grass	27 20
W. T. Osborne, plowing	4 00
George H. Turner, fertilizer	12 00
John A. Martin, ice	11 29



Samuel Olson, fish	35 99
J. H. Sparrell, auto service	2 00
William E. Sexton, painting	12 00
C. W. Tilden, smith work	31 10

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\$1,604 13

### ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT—Cr.

Received from sale of cow and pro- duce, less cash paid out by Sup- erintendent, (\$59.08)	\$71 20
For board of Mrs. Smith	15 00
Due for milk	10 99
Due from town of Scituate for board and clothing	202 45

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\$299 64

Appropriation

\$1,304 49  
\$1,300 00

Exceeded

\$4 49

### PAID FOR SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE POOR—HOME

Charity Thompson Board	\$201 00
Aid to be refunded	214 25
H. S. Turner, supplies	312 63
C. S. West & Son, supplies	106 00
M. E. Curtis Co., supplies	107 71
H. T. Handy, M. D., medical at- tendance	101 25

F. B. Lyons, M. D., medical attendance	7 00
C. L. Howes, M. D., medical attendance	15 25
W. D. Turner, wood	45 25
C. B. Osgood, supplies	8 00
Wheeler's Grocery, supplies	74 53
Minnie Eagan, nursing	6 00
C. W. Grose, rent	96 00
F. E. Henderson, wood	7 00
City of Salem, aid	9 30
City of New Bedford, aid	1 00
City of Boston, aid	31 43
Town of Scituate, aid	128 75
Benjamin Loring, wood	2 75
Richardson Bros., wood	26 00
J. S. Brooks Co., supplies	97 76
J. Whalen, wood	9 00

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\$1,607 86

### OTHER TOWNS

J. D. Stoddard, rent	\$10 00
W. P. Grovestein, M. D.	25 00
H. T. Handy, M. D.	4 00
Herbert A. Sprague	3 00

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\$42 00

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\$1,649 86

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Due from other towns	42 00

Refunded cash in hands of selectmen not deposited with treasurer

207 48

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\$1,749 48

Balance

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\$99 62

### STATE AID

Appropriation \$2,000 00

Amount paid to be refunded by state 2,006 00

Exceeded

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\$6 00

### SOLDIERS' RELIEF

City of Somerville \$72 00

C. L. Howes, M. D. 61 00

Phillips, Bates & Co., coal 8 25

A. L. McMillan, M. D. 147 00

Grace H. Sprague, rent 47 00

H. E. Cleverly, M. D. 15 50

F. G. Wheatley, M. D. 5 00

Charles Hammond, M. D. 1 50

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\$357 25

Appropriation

250 00

Exceeded

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\$107 25

EZRA E. STETSON,  
FRANK W. JONES,  
EDWARD M. SEXTON,  
Overseers of the Poor.

## Highway Account—1915

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L. F. Hammond, 71 days, 4 hours,	
\$2.50	\$178 75
Man and team, 83 days, 4 hours,	
\$5	417 50
Two horses, 3 days, \$3	9 00
One horse, 1 day, \$1.50	1 50
Man and horse, 4 hours, \$3.50	1 75
Freight bill paid	14 52
Herbert E. Robbins, insurance	74 80
John T. Hatch and team, 2 days, \$5	10 00
Joseph Briggs, and team 8 days, \$5	40 00
Charles H. Bates, 13 days, 6 hours, \$2	27 50
Ezra Sietson, repairs on railing	2 66
E. P. Joseph, repairs on pump, labor	4 00
Town of Rockland, use of steam roller	83 85
Seth Thomas, 2 days, \$2	4 00
John Martin, 6 days, \$2	12 00
William D. Turner, and team, 8 days,	
2 hours, \$5	41 25
Walter T. Osborn and team, 8 days,	
2 hours, \$5	41 25
Frank Thomas, 42 loads gravel, 10c	4 20
John P. Henderson, 58 loads gravel, 10c	5 80
E. A. Jacobs and team, 6 days, \$5	30 00
E. A. Jacobs, 1 day, \$2	2 00
Everett Osborne, 20 days, 4 hours, \$2	41 00
Ansel Phillips, 3 days, \$2	6 00

Marshall Griffin, 23 days, \$2	46 00
George Barrell, 2 days, \$2	4 00
Timothy Sheehan and team, 1 day, \$3.50	3 50
Timothy Sheehan, 4 days, \$2	8 00
Timothy Sheehan, 10 loads gravel, 10c	1 00
Richardson Bros., 8 loads gravel, 10c	80
Laura Jenkins., 455 loads gravel, 6c	27 30
Frank Turner	5 00
Edwin B. Torrey, 47 loads gravel, 10c	4 70
John Whalen, 10 loads gravel, 10c	1 00
William Leggett, 8 loads gravel, 10c	80
Hingham Water Co., pipe	9 70
Francis E. Henderson, 2 days, \$5	10 00
Francis E. Henderson, man, 1 day, \$2	2 00
E. G. Bates, and team, 25 days, 6 hours, \$5	128 75
Man, 2 days, 4 hours, \$2	5 00
Man and horse, 4 hours, \$3.50	1 75
20 loads gravel, 10c	2 00
William G. Collamore, 7 days, 6 hours, \$2	15 50
Alonzo Allen, 1 day, 2 hours, \$2	2 50
John Cash, 2 days, 2 hours, \$2	4 50
Francis Scully, 2 days, 2 hours, \$2	4 50
Richard Todd, 4 days, 2 hours, \$2	8 50
George White, 4 days, 2 hours, \$2	8 50
Chester Whiting, 1 day, 2 hours, \$2	2 50
Everett E. Jacobs, 25 days, 4 hours, \$2	51 00
John Collamore, 6 days, \$2	12 00
John Collamore, and team, 7 days, \$5	35 00
John Collamore, 76 loads gravel, 10c	7 60
John S. Brooks, broom	1 50
Charles V. Chapman, 3 days, 4 hours, \$2	7 00

Otto Burhoff, 20 days, 6 hours, \$2	41 50
Henry Haredeen, 18 days, 6 hours, \$2	37 50
Atwood Ainslie, 12 days, 6 hours, \$2	25 50
Henry Leavitt, 28 days, 6 hours, \$2	57 50
Henry Leavitt, 80 loads gravel, 10c	8 00
John Whalen and team, 17 days, 2 hours, \$5	86 25
John Whalen, 1 day, 4 hours, \$2	3 00
Eden Clark, 7 days, 2 hours, \$2	14 50
Jesse Reed and team, 7 days, 2 hours, \$5	36 25
Herbert Fairbanks, and team, 11 days \$3.50	38 50
William D. Goff, 42 days, 6 hours, \$2	89 50
Joseph H. Hatch, and team, 10 days, 5 hours, \$5	53 75
Frank Dyer, 5 days, \$2	10 00
Henry Bates, 8 days, \$2	16 00
Edgar E. Lee, 13 days, \$2	26 00
Robert Leavitt, 14 days, \$2	28 00
Herbert Sprague, 5 days, 4 hours, \$2	11 00
John Prince, 3 days, \$2	6 00
Fred Cromwell, 2 days, \$2	4 00
Charles Hunt, 7 hours, \$2	1 75
James Dolan, 2 days, 4 hours, \$2	5 00
Harry J. Litchfield, 2 days, \$2	4 00
Paul Briggs, 2 days, \$2	4 00
Bert Randall, 4 days, \$2	8 00
Repair on road machine	45 55
Ames Imp. Co., tools	27 60
Tarvia	1.046 59
Guy Merritt, 2 days, \$2	4 00
Pimon Leggett, 3 days, \$2	6 00
William Maynard, 2 days, \$2	4 00

Frank Baker, 9 days, \$2	18 00	
Frank Baker, 7 loads gravel, 10c	70	
Joseph D. Stoddard, 1 day, \$2	2 00	
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		\$3,251 17
Appropriation		3,000 00
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Excess		\$251 17

L. F. HAMMOND,  
Surveyor of Highways.

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### SPECIAL HIGHWAY WORK—SUMMER STREET

A. J. Mitchell	\$2,171 50	
L. F. Hammond, inspector	106 50	
Marion Crowell, copying contract	1 70	
Harrison L. House, civil engineer	25 00	
Good Roads Machine Co., parts for		
for crusher	169 65	
G. F. Welch, supplies	34 23	
R. W. McDonald, smith work	11 10	
Carrie M. Ford, printing	1 15	
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		\$2,520 83

### MAIN STREET

William T. Loud & Son	\$5,030 48
Buffalo Steam Roller Co.	650 00
W. E. Burdett, weigher	78 50



M. F. Williamson, weigher	52 75
American Bank Note Co., printing	17 00
Swift Freidman & Atherton, legal services	10 00
Rockland Trust Co., certifying notes	10 00

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\$5,848 73

### HIGH STREET

Cole & Jacobs	\$2,196 30
Harrison L. House, civil engineer	27 50
L. F. Hammond, inspector	81 00
Amanda Cushing, land	20 00
New England Roads Co., parts for crusher	45 50
Horace T. Fogg, recording deed	1 50
C. H. Brewster, labor	8 31
E. A. Jacobs, labor	23 27
Arthur Stoddard, labor	2 00
Joseph Stoddard, labor	3 00
Charles Scully, labor	3 75
Willard Robinson, labor	1 00

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\$2,413 13

Total expenditures to date	\$10,782 69
Town appropriations	\$12,500 00
State allotment	5,000 00
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	\$17,500 00
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Unexpended balance	\$6,717 31

## ELM STREET

W. T. Osborne	\$245 00
Harrison L. House, engineer	27 50
Carrie M. Ford, printing	65

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	\$273 15
Appropriation	250 00

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Exceeded	\$23 15
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2,413.13  
 2,520.83  
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 4,933.96  
 2,520.83  
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 2,413.13

## Snow Account

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L. F. Hammond	\$4 75
Joseph Briggs	18 25
W. T. Osborn	11 25
Lyman Lincoln	7 25
F. E. Henderson	12 25
Ernest Henderson	1 00
Edwin C. Hatch	1 00
Everett W. Osborne	2 13
Everett N. Osborne	2 38
Fred Wheelwright	2 38
I. Austin Lincoln	2 00
Edward Hines	2 25
E. A. Damon	2 00
Herbert A. Sprague	2 25
Ralph Sprague	2 25
Herbert W. Sprague	2 25
Arthur Damon	2 25
Edward C. Damon	3 75
Lawrence G. Osborne	1 25
Arthur H. Osborne	1 25
Wesley Osborne	1 25
Floyd Osborne	1 25
Henry Main	1 25
Arthur H. Sprague	3 25
Allen Mott	2 38
Alfred Jacobs	3 25
William Jacobs	3 25

Wallace Damon	2 38
Frank Jones	1 13
H. Ramsdell	2 38
T. Sheehan	10 00
Frank Vining	4 00
George Farrar	1 00
C. V. Chapman	4 75
B. F. Everett	3 00
H. Everett	3 00
John T. Osborne	1 75
Perry H. Osborne	1 75
Fred Cromwell	1 75
Edward Lee	1 75
Chester Whiting	1 75
William Magoun	2 00
Everett Jacobs	50
Charles H. Baker	1 50
Alonzo Stoddard	2 38
James Dolan	1 25
Percy Litchfield	2 00
Caleb Litchfield	1 25
Paul Briggs	1 25
Eden Clark	38
Edward Bates	1 38
J. W. Hatch	1 50
Joseph H Hatch and team	4 50
George Wagner	63
Arthur F Henderson and team	4 13
Charles Hunt	1 38
R. C. Henderson	1 38
James Smith	1 38
Thomas Whittaker	1 00
Charles Brewster and team	10 00

Freeman Walker	2 00
Asa Vining	1 00
Eugene Sheehan	1 00
Ben Loring	14 75
Cliflord Brett	15 25

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\$215 20

Appropriation—Excise Tax	\$45 50
Due from Bay State Street R. R.	373 82

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419 32

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Balance in favor of town	\$204 12
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## Town Officers Account

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E. E. Stetson, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	\$240 00
E. M. Sexton, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	200 00
F. W. Jones, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	385 00
W. D. Turner, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	46 50
Joseph F. Merritt, town clerk	110 00
Joseph F. Merritt, treasurer	25 00
Herbert E. Robbins, treasurer	125 00
Joseph F. Merritt, registrar	35 00
E. M. Sexton, registrar	25 00
H. J. Totman, registrar	25 00
A. T. Stoddard, registrar	25 00
William H. Spencer, tax collector	125 00
Harry T. Fogg, auditor	50 00
W. T. Osborne, constable	42 70
L. F. Hammond, constable	34 50
J. Warren Foster, constable	10 50
J. M. Winslow, constable	5 50
Alvan G. Spencer, sealer	31 50
John Whalen, moderator and election officer	13 00
Charles Scully, election officer	9 00
Amos H. Tilden, election officer	9 00
George E. Farrar, election officer	2 00

George R. Farrar, election officer	3 00
C. O. Litchfield, election officer	8 00
E. A. Turner, election officer	3 00
Maurice Sheehan, election officer	2 00
J. Warren Foster, inspector	29 50
Carrie M. Ford, school committee	50 00
Benjamin Loring, school committee	25 00

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Expended	\$1,694 70
Appropriation	1,700 00

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Unexpended	\$5 30
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## Incidental Account

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Rockland Standard, printing	\$188 25
Norwell P. O., stamps, etc.	57 20
H. E. Robbins, insurance	52 40
H. E. Robbins, justice of peace	1 00
Harry T. Fogg, notary public	3 00
Joseph F. Merritt, services, Sand and Gravel Co.	12 00
Joseph F. Merritt, return of births	23 75
Thomas H. Buttimer, legal advice	15 50
Carrie M. Ford, printing and stationery	26 00
E. W. Prescott, services	81 87
W. H. Spencer, blanks and expenses	23 30
E. P. Joseph, labor and materials on scales	65 20
J. F. Turner, labor and materials on scales	21 00
Fairbanks Scales Co., parts for scales	12 67
George F. Welch, lumber for scales	14 32
C. S. West & Sons, supplies for scales	1 33
Telephone tolls	18 28
A. J. Lovett, land rent	17 50
Ranna H. Welton, land rent	12 50
C. C. Hook, rent of shed	12 00
Hobbs & Warren, books and blanks	12 01
Thorp & Martin, books and blanks	3 38

J. L. Fairbanks, books for treasurer	35 00
W. and L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer	9 38
B. P. Murphy, dog blanks	2 70
W. T. Osborne, moving safe	5 00
A. I. Randall, printing	4 65
H. M. Pratt, inspecting boiler	24 80
A. S. Peterson, folders for treasurer	1 50
Wakefield Dailey Item, blanks	1 05
John B. Washburn, transfers	1 90
Scituate tax	6 65
W. D. Turner, auto for constables	17 50
E. E. Stetson, telephone tolls	4 65
E. P. Joseph, repairing wall, Union Bridge	3 50
E. P. Joseph, removing weights, Un- ion Bridge	10 00
J. H. Sparrell, auto for constables	7 25
J. H. Sparrell, auto for registrars	1 50
H. T. Handy, M. D., return of births	2 75
Joseph Frame, M. D., return of births	50
Charles Hammond, M. D., return of births	25
C. H. Colgate, M. D., return of births	50
H. E. Goddard, M. D., return of births	25
F. H. Corey, M. D., return of births	25
H. E. Fernald, M. D., return of births	25
T. B. Alexander, M. D., return of births	25
J. J. Shepherd, return of births	25
C. E. Knight, M. D., return of births	50

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 \$817 24

Appropriation

800 00

Exceeded

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 \$17 24

## Miscellaneous

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### WASHINGTON STREET CEMETERY, 1915

E. E. Boyd, labor	\$6 25	
A. I. Farrar, labor	2 25	
L. F. Hammond, labor	5 00	
W. W. Farrar, labor	15 50	
S. O. Jacobs, labor	8 00	
F. S. Farrar, labor	24 25	
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		\$61 25
Appropriation	\$75 00	
Received from sale of lots	36 00	
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		111 00
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Balance in favor of town		\$49 75

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### BOARD OF HEALTH

F. B. Lyons, M. D., inspector of dairies	\$76 31
Amos H. Tilden, inspector	100 50
J. Alden Damon, inspector	70 25
Alpheus Damon, inspector	19 75

City of Brockton, quarantine	38 70
John H. Wilder, services and expenses	19 00
Lyman Wadsworth, services and ex- penses	17 17
Minot Williamson, services and expenses	9 00
Carrie M. Ford, printing	8 00
H. T. Handy, M. D., services	5 00
T. B. Alexander, M. D., services	5 00
Hobbs & Warren, books, etc.	14 24
Arthur T. Stoddard, labor	1 75
George F. Welch, supplies	7 40
Creamery Supply Co., supplies	5 00
J. F. Merritt	5 50
D. W. Gilbert, services	3 00
W. P. Grovestein, M. D., services	3 50
J. H. Sparrell, auto	10 75

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Expended	\$419 82
Appropriation	500 00
Unexpended	\$80 18

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### ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT

Street Lighting	\$253 63
Appropriation	350 00
Unexpended	\$96 37

## JAMES LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Paid Mary L. Power, treasurer	\$100 00	
Appropriation		\$100 00

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## TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

William A. Durkee, janitor	\$25 00	
Herbert E. Robbins, insurance	30 00	
		\$55 00
Appropriation		50 00
Exceeded		\$5 00

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## MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT

Paid G. A. R. Post 112	\$150 00	
Appropriation		\$150 00

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## PARKS, SQUARES AND TRIANGLES ACCOUNT

I. Austin Lincoln, labor	\$4 00
Henry Heredeen, labor	5 50
Charles Hunt, labor	3 75
E. A. Damon, labor	13 75

F. M. Curtis, labor	17 00
Church Hill Improvement Society	20 00
W. E. Sexton, labor	8 50
F. Baker, labor	1 75
J. L. Merritt, labor	2 00
George H. Bates, labor	8 25
J. H. Sparrell, labor	3 00
William Jacobs, labor	6 75
E. A. Damon, labor	9 00

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Total	\$103 25
Appropriation	\$100 00

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Exceeded	\$3 25
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J. H. SPARRELL,

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### SPRAYING ELMS ACCOUNT

J. H. Sparrell, labor	\$12 00
F. M. Curtis, labor	10 00
Charles Hunt, labor	10 00
E. A. Damon, labor	10 00
J. L. Merritt, labor	11 25
John Whalen, labor	24 00
Norwell Garage, gas	8 20

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Total	\$85 45
Appropriation	200 00

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Unexpended balance	\$114 55
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J. H. SPARRELL.

## TREE WARDEN ACCOUNT

H. A. Sproule, labor	\$2 00	
Walton Sproule, labor	1 00	
Charles Hunt, labor	3 25	
George H. Turner, blasting	9 00	
L. Frank Hammond, team	11 75	
E. A. Damon, labor	2 25	
F. M. Curtis, labor	3 00	
W. E. Sexton, labor	3 00	
William Jacobs, labor	3 00	
J. H. Sparrell, labor	3 00	
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Total		\$41 25
Appropriation		50 00
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Unexpended balance		\$8 75

## MOWING BUSHES ACCOUNT

J. H. Sparrell, labor	\$9 00	
F. M. Curtis, labor	23 00	
Frank Baker, labor	4 00	
William Jacobs, labor	24 00	
William Sexton, labor	21 00	
F. E. Henderson, labor	1 75	
W. R. Barker, labor	7 75	
Thomas Rose, labor	7 75	
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Total		\$98 25
Appropriation		100 00
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Unexpended balance		\$1 75



## Eleventh Annual Moth Report for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915.

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J. H. Sparrell, labor and cash paid	\$322 37
F. M. Curtis, labor	185 64
Charles Hunt, labor	205 76
E. A. Damon, labor	202 76
J. L. Merritt, labor	83 41
Everett Osborne, labor	61 13
A. Phillips, labor	29 64
John Marten, labor	25 50
M. Perry, labor	17 63
A. Damon, labor	44 25
H. Leavitt, labor	16 50
John Leslie, labor	1 50
William Leslie, labor	16 32
Henry Heredeen, labor	30 50
John Whalen, team	118 13
William Jacobs, labor	8 00
Frank Baker, labor	8 00
Irving Henderson, carting	1 00
Norwell garage, gasoline, oil and sup- plies	14 00

Walter Osborn, carting	8 16	
William Sexton, labor	44 50	
E. A. Damon, team	16 50	
Total		\$1,461 20

Amount charged property owners	\$129 82
Amount charged private work	584 45
Amount received from state	300 00
Net cost to town	1446 93

J. H. SPARRELL, Supt.

## Report of Forest Warden

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Paid on account of fires, 1915:

Malden fire	\$11 00
Mott fire	7 90
Kidder fire	20 40
Copper Corner fire	58 49
Scituate fire	6 50
Hingham fire	11 00
Pleasant St. fire	15 50
Hagar fire	2 00
Pine St. fire	112 35
Valley Swamp fire	122 46
Circuit St. fire	9 70
Brainerd fire	3 00
Wild Cat fire	3 75
Stetson fire	2 00
High St. fire 1914	2 50
John Whalen, balance 1914	27 25
John Whalen on account	45 00
Knight & Thomas Ex. and supplies	52 50
Eastern Drug Co., supplies	19 31

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\$532 61

JOHN WHALEN,  
Forest Warden.

# Forest Warden and Fire Extinguishers

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## FOREST WARDEN

John Whalen

### Deputy Forest Wardens

Henry D. Smith	John H. Sparrell
Francis E. Henderson	Tom Roscoe
Melvin Little	Arnold V. Beach
Edward W. Gardner	Amos H. Tilden
Benjamin Loring	Timothy Sheehan
Carlton O. Litchfield	Jesse Reed
Frank Thomas	Edwin A. Turner

## LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

### Central Street

E. H. Sparrell	W. H. Spencer
G. H. Turner	C. G. Ainslie
J. E. Leslie	J. Whalen
J. H. Hatch	E. E. Litchfield

L. A. Jenkins

### Circuit Street

R. Goosby

## Elm Street

W. C. Tolman

C. H. Dyer

## Sproul

## Grove Street

Levi N. Osborn

W. F. Woodman

H. A. Sprague

M. Gotreau

## High Street

A. W. Thomas

C. W. Groce

G. E. Farrar

A. W. Robinson

## T. Sheehan

## Jacobs Avenue

A. F. Jacobs

## Lincoln Street

G. W. Richardson

I. A. Lincoln

## T. Roscoe

## Main Street

T. Williams

M. D. Maxwell

F. Thomas

A. L. Power

W. D. Turner

J. F. Merritt (mill)

H. S. Turner (store)

Merritt &amp; Sparrell (garage)

M. E. Curtis Co. (store)

C. S. West &amp; Son (store)

Town Farm

H. J. Corthell

Town Hall

E. M. Sexton

C. A. Berry

F. W. Jones

## J. Briggs

## Mt. Blue Street

M. F. Williamson

C. A. Bates

C. O. Litchfield

E. G. Bates

B. I. Richardson

## Norwell Avenue

Capt. E. W. Dixon

## Pleasant Street

E. A. Jacobs

J. C. Otis

W. S. Briggs

## Prospect Street

J. Osborne

B. Loring

E. A. Damon

C. Brett

## River Street

M. Little (store)

H. D. Smith

J. Tolman

F. Dyer

A. Brainerd

G. E. Torrey

## Summer Street

A. Litchfield

G. B. Ellms

## Tiffany Road

E. E. Stetson

W. S. Simmons

F. E. Henderson

C. E. Hunt

Washington Street

C. W. Thomas

E. W. Gardner

J. H. Prouty

J. H. Curtis

F. S. Farrar

H. S. Simmons

Winter Street

A. H. Tilden

W. J. Wagner



## Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

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	Sealed.	Adjusted.	Condemed.	Non-Sealed.
Platform scales of 5000 pounds capacity	2			
Platform scales under 5000 pounds capacity	7	1	1	
Number of computing scales	3			1
Number spring scales	3	1		
Number beam scales	6			1
All other scales	23		1	
Number of weights	120	2	22	
Number of liquid measures	24	3		
Number of oil pumps	6			
Number of molasses pumps	2			
Number of yard sticks	3			
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Total	199	7	24	2

Paid for supplies, \$9.38.

Received as fees and paid to treasurer, \$10.17

Received as salary, \$31.50

Total cost to town, \$30.71.

ALVAN G. SPENCER,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## Assessors' Report

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Taxable real estate, April	\$973,160 00
Taxable personal estate, April assessment	.332,635 00
Taxable personal estate, Dec. 1	78,879 00
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	\$1,384,674 00
Exempted real estate	\$32,765 00
Exempted personal estate	2,125 00
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	\$34,890 00
Total valuation, 1915	\$1,419,564 00
Total valuation, 1914	\$1,302,279 00
Increase in 1915	\$117,285 00
Total tax rate, 1915	\$19.20 per \$1,000 00
Town tax	\$26,063 34
Tax, December assessment	\$1,514 48
County tax	\$1,681 59
State tax	\$2,950 00
Excise tax	\$406 11
Persons assessed	10,005
Poll tax only	165
Polls assessed	496

Polls exempt	36
Total number polls	532
Number acres land	12,789
Number of dwelling houses	516
Number of horses	292
Number of cows	155
Number of neat cattle	48
Number of sheep	30
Number of swine	50
Number of fowl	12,182

EZRA E. STETSON,  
FRANK W. JONES,  
EDWARD M. SEXTON,  
Assessors.

# Report of Tax Collector

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## ASSESSMENT OF 1913

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1915	\$89 30	
Cash on hand	2 52	
Interest collected	9 51	
	<hr/>	\$101 33
Abatement	\$ 46	
Paid to treasurer	100 87	
	<hr/>	\$101 33

## ASSESSMENT OF 1914

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1915	\$6,649 85	
Interest Collected	129 04	
	<hr/>	\$6,778 89
Abatements	\$146 07	
Paid treasurer	6,359 75	
Uncollected	273 07	
	<hr/>	\$6,778 89

## ASSESSMENT OF 1915

Tax levy	\$26,063 34	
Moth Tax	129 82	
December assessment	1,514 48	
Interest Collected	12 31	
	<hr/>	\$27,719 95
Abatements	\$33 63	
Paid treasurer	18,147 10	
Uncollected	9,539 22	
	<hr/>	\$27,719 95

W. H. SPENCER,  
Collector of Taxes.

# Recapitulation

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## EXPENDITURES

Almshouse	\$1,604 13
Outdoor poor, home	1,607 86
Outdoor poor, other towns	42 00
State Aid	2,006 00
Soldiers' Relief	357 25
Highway, General	3,251 17
Main Street	5,848 73
High Street	2,413 13
Summer Street	2,520 83
Main Street	273 15
Snow	215 20
Town Officers	1694 70
Incidentals	817 24
Washington Street Cemetery	61 25
Board of Health	419 82
Electric Lights	253 63
James Library	100 00
Town Hall	55 00
Memorial Day	150 00
Gypsy Moth	1416 20
County Tax	1681 59
State Tax	2950 00
Abatement of Taxes	180 16

Spraying Elms	85 45
Squares and Triangles	103 25
Tree Warden	41 25
Mowing Bushes	98 25
Schools	9882 53
Interest	789 09
Police Officers, per order Second District Court	60 07
Fire Account	532 61
Sawyer Cemetery Fund	3 00

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\$41,514 54

### RECEIPTS.

National Bank Tax	\$1264 18
Street Railway Tax	406 11
Corporation Tax	702 12
State Aid	1,817 00
Soldiers' Burial	50 00
Sawyer Cemetery Fund	8 00
State School Funds	2,499 48
Dog Tax Refund	241 71
Inspection of Animals	14 75
Refund from Towns, Poor Acct.	564 11
Sale of Lots in Cemetery	36 00
Licenses	16 00
Interest on Bank Balances	115 28
Premium and Interest Bond Sale	78 22
Superintendent of Almshouse	71 20
Board of Mrs. Smith at Almshouse	15 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10 17
Telephone Refund	6 35

Fish Rights	5 50
Refund from Commonwealth, Moth	
Dept., 1914-15	704 90
Refund Individuals Moth Work,	
1914-15	1,315 54
Excise Tax	373 82
E. W. Ferguson Refund	5 00
Tax Collectors' Sale of Land	5 11
Tax Collector, one-half cost advertis-	
ing Sale Land	50
John F. Wilder, Refund of Overpaid	
Bill	3 00
Highway Construction, Common-	
wealth, on Account	1,275 00
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	\$11,604 05



# Financial Statement

January 1, 1916

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## LIABILITIES

Notes in favor of South Scituate

Savings Bank	\$7,500 00
Notes to redeem Trust funds	2,400 00
Special Road Bond Issue	10,000 00
Interest due	246 07

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\$20,146 07

## ASSETS

Due from State Aid	\$2,006 00
Due from Aid to Poor	42 00
Due Moth account, Real Estate Owners	72 25
Uncollected Taxes	9,812 29
Interest due	147 19
Cash on Hand with Treasurer	6,652 07

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\$18,731 80

Balance against the Town

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\$1,414 27

## REPORT OF AUDITOR

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and Tax Collector and find same to be correct.

HARRY T. FOGG,

Auditor

## Appropriations Recommended 1916

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Support of Poor	\$1,500 00
Almshouse	1,400 00
Support of Schools	7,000 00
Highways	3,000 00
Removing Snow	The Excise Tax
Memorial Day	150 00
State Aid	2,000 00
Soldiers' Relief	400 00
Town Officers	1,800 00
Washington Street Cemetery	75 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Mowing Bushes	\$100 00
Board of Health	500 00
School Physician	25 00
Squares and Triangles	100 00
Town Hall	50 00
Electric Lights	350 00
James Library	100 00
Fire Department	300 00
Abatement of Taxes	200 00
Gypsy Moth	522 32
Superintendent of Schools	250 00
Interest	1,200 00
State and County Taxes	4,700 00
Gaffield Park	25 00
Incidentals	850 00
Spraying Elms	200 00

## List of Jurors

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List of persons qualified to serve as Jurors in the Town of Norwell, from July 1, 1915 to July 1, 1916.

Charles E. Hunt, laborer	Tiffany Road
George S. Morton, farmer	Elm St.
Stanley Oakman, shoeworker	Elm St.
Frank M. Vining, shoeworker	High St.
Alpheus W. Thomas, paperhanger	High St.
Timothy Sheehan, Jr., shoeworker	Washington St.
Wilfred C. Bowker, shoeworker	Washington St.
Andrew L. Richardson, farmer	Grove St.
William R. Durkee, farmer	Main St.
Arnold V. Beach, farmer	Central St.
Atwood L. Ainslie, farmer	Central St.
Minot Williamson, veterinary	Mt. Blue
Arthur C. Jones, shoeworker	Oak St.
Edwin Everett Jacobs, farmer	Main St.
Harry P. Henderson, farmer	Main St.
Walter S. Briggs, farmer	Pleasant St.
Amos H. Tilden, farmer	Cross St
Albert W. Litchfield, blacksmith	Summer St.
George B. Ellms, carpenter	Summer St
Alexander Black, laborer	Main St.
George E. Ramsdell, painter	Elm St.
Hayward Hartwell, retired	River St.
A. Howard Allen, poulterer	River St.
Fred H. Kidder, upholsterer	Common St.

## Report of Trustees

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### THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND

Amount of fund	\$2,000 00
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Loaned on town note at 4 per cent.

In Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1915	\$95 05
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Interest on Bank Book	5 65
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Interest on Note	80 00
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\$180 70

Paid for care of cemetery lot	\$20 00
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Paid worthy poor	66 30
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In Bank, Jan. 1, 1916	94 40
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\$180 70

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### THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ABIGAIL T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS

Amount of funds	\$1,500 00
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Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1915	383 20
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Interest to Jan. 1, 1916	85 64	
	<hr/>	\$1968 84
Paid for care of cemetery lots	\$25 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1916	443 84	
Amount of funds	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,968 84

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS  
POOR FUND

Loaned on Town Note	\$1,300 00	
In Savings Bank	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00
In Savings Bank Jan. 1, 1915	\$73 52	
Interest on Bank Book	35 92	
Interest on Town Note	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$161 44
Paid worthy poor	\$54 83	
Interest in Bank, Jan. 1, 1916	106 61	
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## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Year Deposited	Amount of Fund	Interest on Hand Jan. 1, '15	Interest Added dur- ing Year	Expended During Year	Interest on Hand Jan. 1, '16
Josselyn	1888	\$200	\$24 43	\$10 20	\$8 00	\$26 63
Samuel C. Cudworth	1892	200	39 44	10 87	8 00	42 31
Prudence C. Delano	1895	300	55 80	16 15	12 00	59 95
Nancy Hersey	1897	100	3 74	4 69	4 00	4 43
Betsey Tolman	1900	100	6 12	4 65	8 77	2 00
George O. Clapp	1903	100	6 12	4 65	8 77	2 00
Mary O. Robbins	1904	200	14 24	9 73	8 00	15 97
Charles H. Merritt	1905	50	2 36	2 36	2 00	2 72
James W. Sampson	1906	250	10 76	11 84	4 00	18 60
Robbins Tomb	1907	100	26 46	5 73		32 19
Davis Damon	1907	100	7 64	4 87	4 00	8 51
Susan C. Damon	1907	100	3 81	4 69	4 00	4 50
George H. Bates	1907	100	3 75	4 69	4 00	4 44
Gad Leavitt	1909	100	4 12	4 64	4 00	4 76
Adeline A. Payne	1910	200	20 03	10 00	6 00	24 03
Thomas Sampson	1911	75	6 16	3 52	8 18	1 50
Abbie S. Bates	1915	200				
Hosea J. Stockbridge	1915	200				
Brownell	1916	150				

# Transcript of Articles in the Warrant

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Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Art 2. To bring their votes for a Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Surveyor of Highways, five Constables and a Tree Warden for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, and to vote yes or no in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town", all on one ballot. Polls open from 7 A. M. to 11 A. M.

Art. 3 To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Art. 4. To make the necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town, and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.



Art. 6. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To make allowance to town creditors.

Art. 9. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

Art. 10. Will the town cause a statement of its financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Art. 11. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

Art. 12. What price will the town pay for labor on the highway for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair.

Art. 14. Will the town give any instruction to town officers.

Art. 15. What price will the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. Will the town take any action in regard to the care of parks, squares and triangles and make any appropriation for the same.

Art. 17. Will the town make an appropriation for the James Library in return for the free privilege of taking books which the townspeople now have.

Art. 18. Will the town act in conjunction with the town of Hanover to have electric lights at the terminus of River street, Norwell and Broadway, Hanover, at the third Herring brook and at Assinippi.

Art. 19. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$522.32 for the suppression of Gypsy and Browntail moths.

Art. 20. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 21. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of fighting fires.

Art. 22. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the spraying of elm trees along the highways.

Art. 23. What sum of money will the town appropriate for electric lights.

Art. 24. Will the town vote to make the moth tax general.

Art. 25. Will the town appropriate a sum not exceeding \$10,000 to be expended upon new construction of highway, provided that at least \$2500 be contributed by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and provided that the construction of said highways be done by contract and under such supervision as may be determined at this

meeting and further authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of \$10,000, and issue therefor the notes or bonds of the Town, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 1-4 per cent., payable semi-annually, and principal payable in five equal annual payments of \$2,000 each for the purpose above set forth.

Art. 26. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to repair the road and railing on Pond street.

Art. 27. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125, to be expended in conjunction with the towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield towards erection of a watch tower on Prospect Hill.

Art. 28. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for painting Schoolhouses No. 1 and 7.

Persons desiring additional articles in the warrant must present them to the selectmen on or before Feb. 19, 1916.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NORWELL  
FOR THE YEAR 1915

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# Report of the School Committee of Norwell for the Year 1915

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Norwell:*

The School Committee hereby submit the annual School Report.

At the Town Meeting held in March, 1915, Mrs. Amy W. Sylvester was elected to serve on the school board for a term of three years. The work is divided so that each member has charge of certain districts, and may cause small repairs to be made without calling a special meeting for the purpose. We find the work is more thoroughly and quickly performed by this arrangement.

Many changes have been made in our teaching force this year.

Miss Tolman, being at liberty at the beginning of the winter term, resumed her duties at District No. 7 and Miss Murray was transferred to Dist. No. 1, to take the place of Miss Burns, who had resigned to accept a better position in Hingham. Miss Drew, the grammar teacher at Ridge Hill, was obliged to give up her school at the close of the winter term on account of sickness, and Miss Helen Dickinson of Melrose was secured to finish out the year. The primary teachers at Ridge Hill and at Dist. No. 2 left at the close of the year; also our two excellent and efficient High school assistants, Miss Lynch, to accept a position in

Braintree, and Miss Jordan in Salem, her home town, at much larger salaries than we could offer.

The general repairs and cleaning received attention during the summer vacation. The most expensive item was the fence around the yard at Church Hill.

An unexpected expense was the rebuilding of the chimney and the carpenter work, at the High school building in January.

The schools opened Sept. 7, with the following teachers in charge: At the High school Mr. F. H. Kierstead, principal, with Miss Gretchen Horstmeyer and Miss Jenny Hall as assistants; Dist. No. 1, Grammar, Miss Carolyn C. Grace; primary, Miss Elizabeth I. Taylor; Dist. No. 2, Miss Alice K. Wadsworth; Dist. No. 5, grammar, Miss Ella F. Osborne; primary, Miss Marion G. Merritt; Dist. No. 6, Miss Mabel E. Adams; Dist. No. 7, Miss Maria W. Tolman. The whole number of pupils registered is two hundred and sixty-six, sixty being at the High school.

All teachers and pupils seem interested and are doing good work according to the account given by Supt. Hayes, who visits the schools nearly every other week during the year. Mrs. Eldridge is still in charge of the Drawing department, and we have noticed some fine work on exhibition. We are sorry that all the High school pupils cannot take advantage of these lessons which are being made so very interesting.

The High school and Dist. Nos. 5, 6 and 7, were closed for ten days in October on account of an epidemic of measles. It is one of the State laws "That a householder who knows that a person in his family or house is sick of small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other infectious or



contagious disease, declared to be dangerous to the public health, shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Board of Health of the city or town in which he dwells."

The upper room at Ridge Hill will be the first to be renovated during the coming year. No doubt visitors have wondered how we could expect the children to take an interest or show much enthusiasm in their work, amid such untidy surroundings. There is plastering to be patched, walls to be painted, desks, chairs and woodwork painted or varnished. Nearly all the other rooms are in good condition. The buildings at Ridge Hill and at Church Hill, should be painted, and we hope that funds will be provided for the purpose.

We are pleased to say that while a few bills were held over in 1914, these have been paid and also all the expenses of the year 1915, from the appropriations, with a small balance unexpended. This has not been accomplished before for a number of years. Our superintendent has been very economical in the buying of books and supplies. But books do receive such rough usage! We have seen them thrown into the barges regardless of cost or consequences, and even in one case used to prop open windows in the house. How can we expect, under such circumstances, to avoid the expense of buying new each year?

The usual town appropriations of seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$7,250.00) will undoubtedly be sufficient for the regular expenses for 1916.

It is important, however, that our town buildings be kept in good condition, otherwise how can the children be expected to show due respect to them. The town surely cannot afford to let two good buildings fall to pieces, for

the sake of the extra amount of money required, that will be necessary for their upkeep.

We respectfully ask you, voters of the Town of Norwell, to consider this question at the annual Town Meeting, and vote an extra appropriation to help us out in this matter of painting, at Ridge Hill and at Church Hill.

Respectfully,

BENJAMIN LORING,  
CARRIE M. FORD,  
AMY W. SYLVESTER,

# Expenditures

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YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915

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## HIGH SCHOOL FUND

Unexpended balance in 1914	\$132 63
Received from state Nov. 1915	500 00
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	\$632 63

Paid,

E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	\$10 86	
American Book Co., books	2 24	
L. E. Knott App. Co., lab. supplies	26 07	
Mildred Lynch, teaching	55 00	
F. H. Kierstead, teaching	105 00	
Gretchen Horstmeyer, teaching	100 00	
Jenny Hall, teaching	100 00	
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		\$399 17
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Unexpended in 1915		\$233 46

## EXPENDITURES FROM GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

### TRANSPORTATION

Balance on 1914 contract	\$620 00
Paid John F. Osborne, 10 weeks	620 00

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Paid John F. Osborne, extra two weeks, caused by changing time of vacation	124 00
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Contract for 1915, 38 weeks	2,578 00
Paid John F. Osborne, 25 1-4 weeks	1,712 00

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Unexpended in 1915	\$866 00
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\$2,456 00

### SUPERINTENDENT

Paid, James S. Hayes	\$566 67
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### JANITORS

William R. Durkee, High school	\$200 00
John G. Robinson, Dist. No. 1	33 00
Arthur L. Merritt, Dist. No. 1	24 00
Arthur H. Osborne, Dist. No. 2	57 00
Mrs. Mary A. Osborne, Dist. No. 5	63 00

Samuel Olson, Dist. No. 6	57 00
William C. Tolman, Dist. No. 7	57 00

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\$491 00

### FUEL AND FITTING

Paid,

Samuel Olson, housing wood, 1914	\$2 25
Richardson Bros., wood Dist. No. 7	6 50
Walton D. Sproul, housing wood	50
Benjamin Loring, wood (contract)	41 00
Benjamin Loring, wood, High School	11 00
Richardson Bros., wood (contract)	59 00
John F. Osborne, sawing	12 00
Hershel Ramsdell, splitting and housing	10 00
Albert Osborne, housing	2 50
Clarence Winslow, sawing and housing	7 88
C. A. Brett, coal for High School	75 00
Fessenden & Allen, sawing	9 00
Arthur H. Osborne, splitting and housing	2 50

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\$239 13

### TEACHERS

Paid,

F. H. Kierstead	\$885 00
Mildred M. Lynch,	275 00
Elsie C. Jordan	300 00
Gretchen Horstmeyer	100 00
Jenny R. Hall	100 00

Adeline E. Drew	156 00
Helen M. Dickinson	130 00
Eileen M. Burns	11 00
Henrietta Murray	306 00
Gertrude Niles	242 00
Ella M. Osborne	548 00
Marion G. Merritt	464 00
Mabel E. Adams	415 00
Maria W. Tolman	452 00
Elizabeth I. Taylor	192 00
Alice K. Wadsworth	136 00
Carolyn C. Grace	200 00
A. G. Eldridge	75 00

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\$4,987 00

### BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Paid

American Book Co., books	\$27 88
Elsie C. Jordan, books	1 50
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	103 44
L. E. Knott App. Co., supplies	15 10
Milton Bradley Co., supplies	4 77
D. C. Heath & Co., books	2 25
Ginn & Co., books	84 50

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\$239 44

### INCIDENTALS

Paid,

The M. E. Curtis Co., supplies and oil	\$30 81
Timothy Sheehan, cleaning vaults,	
1914-1915	5 00

James S. Hayes, postage, tel., etc.,	
1914-15	9 10
George A. Turner, labor and stock	62 63
C. S. West & Son, supplies	1 74
Benj. Loring, postage, auto hire, etc.	10 93
William H. Spencer, labor	3 20
J. H. Lehan, labor and supplies	48 32
Dr. F. D. Lyon, school physician	25 00
C. L. Rice & Son, chairs	16 05
Levi N. Osborne & Son, chimney	58 77
Wm. C. Tolman, Jr., repairs	1 50
H. H. Howland, freight and carting	1 60
Carrie M. Ford, printing, repairs, etc.	12 75
C. W. Tilden, stock and labor	3 85
Walter T. Osborn, moving piano	5 00
J. J. Bullard, piano	15 00
Harry B. Merritt, stock and labor	13 20
William R. Durkee, repairs at High	20 05
Ralph P. Hawkes, tuning piano	2 50
Benj. Loring, expenses and cash for repairs	21 85
Carrie M. Ford, cash for cleaning schoolhouse and vaults	8 50
Henry W. Joyce, stock and labor	42 27
C. Winslow, cleaning vaults	3 00
Mary A. Osborne, cleaning school- house and extra work	13 50
Tom Rose, labor	12 25
Eva L. Winslow, cleaning school- house	8 00
Mrs. Esther C. Jones, cleaning school- house	12 00

Wheeler's Grocery, brushes and supplies	6 00
Charles Hunt, mowing yard	3 00
Arthur H. Osborne, cleaning school-house	13 00
Carleton O. Ltichfield, auto hire	5 00
Hall & Torrey, water tank	2 75
Albion Damon, mowing yard	3 50
C. C. Hook, labor and stock, No. 6	2 50

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\$504 12

## SUMMARY YEAR 1915

### HIGH SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT

Unexpended in 1914	\$132 63
Received from state, Nov. 1915	500 00

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\$632 63

Withdrawn	
On account of High School Bills	399 17

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Unexpended in 1915 \$233 46

### AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

Town appropriation for schools	\$7,000 00
Town appropriation for superintendent	\$250 00
From state on account of superintendent and teachers' salaries	416 66



Tuition and transportation of State

Wards	404 00
Massachusetts State fund	1,178 82
Dog Tax	241 71

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\$9,491 19

Paid for,

Transportation	\$2,456 00
Superintendent	566 67
Janitors	491 00
Fuel and fitting	239 13
Teachers' salaries	4,987 00
Books and school supplies	239 44
Incidentals	504 12

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\$9,483 36

Unexpended Balance

\$7 83

Total cost of maintaining schools \$9,882 53

CARRIE M. FORD,

Secretary.

## Superintendent's Report

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*To the School Committee of Norwell:*

I herewith submit my eighth annual report.

More has been done in the past year than for many years although we have had many changes in our teaching force. No fewer than seven changes have been made during 1915. New teachers were elected in No. 1 Primary and No. 1 Grammar, No. 2 Primary, two new assistants in the High School, and the return of Miss Tolman to No. 7 Primary.

All our teachers are following general directions regarding subject matter and methods of instruction—minor details as applied to certain school or schools are taken up and what seems best for that school decided upon and put into effect.

Our teachers show preparation and enthusiasm and while not always successful in producing perfect recitations, are working along lines that are for the best good of the greatest number. They feel as Gilbert Parker has said, "A job is not what we get for it, but what we put into it." "Let the worldly wise tell us that to idealize a humble task makes us look foolish. It is they who look foolish in the end. For it is this acceptance of responsibility in small things which dignifies any task, no matter how obscure, into a

share in that great stewardship which is the honor of all service."

Numbers 2, 5 and 6 Primary are small in number, while Numbers 1 and 7 Primary and 5 Grammar have large numbers.

### EYE AND EAR TESTS.

The result of the eye and ear tests show the following:—

Number of pupils enrolled	266
Number of pupils deficient in eyesight	16
Number of pupils deficient in hearing	2
Number of parents or guardians notified	18

There were 6 per cent. who failed to pass the test given under fair conditions; under perfect conditions, I believe the percentage would be slightly less.

I have written with pride each year of the absence of epidemics in town. This year measles broke out in many homes and closed most of our schools. Proper precautions were not taken when the first few cases made their appearance; not by the teachers, but failure to report them to the Board of Health. That we cannot be too careful was clearly shown and I ask a closer co-operation on the part of the medical men and the teachers that there may be no repetition of that or any other disease.

"The examination of the teeth of the school children has everywhere brought out the fact that a large percentage of them need dental care. The individual mouth in a healthy condition is the unit of measurement in determining how much we are doing in reducing dental cares and diseased conditions of school children's mouths." (Dr. W. P. Cooke)

## READING.

We have entered upon our third year with the same system. The reading in our Primary grades is good. Improvement is shown each year as the teacher adds to her previous experience with the system. The majority of the beginners made rapid progress and delight their parents with their ability to read so early in school life.

## PENMANSHIP.

Work with the new system is becoming less of a grind and improvement is shown in the schools. A few teachers who have not been partial to this system show less improvement. We must make better writers of a greater number each year. When the pupil writes as well in everyday exercises as he does in his drill exercises we will know of his improvement.

## HOME AND SCHOOL GARDENS.

Little work has been done in connection with this subject but in many places it is "gaining ground." Some of our pupils have had intimate acquaintance with gardens all their lives and know many practical ways in which the garden is made to contribute to their comfort and pocket money. A more general knowledge for all our pupils would bring many benefits which we do not now realize.

## SANITATION.

"Health is one of the foremost aims of the school." The formation of health habits as taught in hygiene lessons should be practical and applied. Co-operation on the part of parents with the teachers will help the practice at home as well as at school.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The year brought two changes in the teaching force, both assistants being elected to better financial positions. The new assistants have taken up their work in the right spirit and we are making progress.

The school is now fully organized upon a four year basis. A definite number of credits to pass from one grade to the next higher with a total number to receive a diploma.

The efficiency and standard of the school have been increased. The program made out at the beginning of school in September was approved by Mr. Kingsley, agent of the Board of Education, and has since been in operation.

It is the ambition of all country high schools to have what is known as certificate privilege allowing graduates to enter Normal schools or college without examination if they have held a certain rank during their course. I am hopeful we may be upon such basis soon that application for it will be successful.

Our pupils are regular in attendance, but the percentage dropped during December due to a large number gathering and selling greenery just before the close of the term. There is a question as to whether this was a necessity.

A better school spirit with the knowledge that teachers are helpers should find its way into the minds of some of our pupils which should be helpful.

Our graduates in the other schools and colleges are showing that Norwell High can prepare for college if the pupil will give his time and talents to the proper instruction.

ATHLETICS.

Once more the base ball team led the league and won the cup offered. A number of exciting games were played and rivalry not too friendly was shown. Better keep to a clean, square game and have that honor.

I wish to thank you for your continued confidence in me; the teachers for honesty of purpose and townspeople for courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. HAYES,  
Superintendent of Schools.

Dec. 31, 1915.



